

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: Yukihisa TAKEUCHI, Kazuyoshi SHIBATA and Masahiko NAMERIKAWA

Ser. No.: 09/672,069

Group Art Unit: 2834

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Examiner: Mark Osborne Budd

Confirmation No.: 7280

For: PIEZOELECTRIC/ELECTROSTRRICTIVE DEVICE AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(37 CFR §1.114)**

1. Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114, for the above identified application.

2. This request is being submitted:

i.  Prior to abandonment of the application

ii.  Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of issue fee

Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 was filed \_\_\_\_\_  
(copy attached).

iii.  Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences  
that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

iv.  Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under  
35 U.S.C. 145 or

Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146

Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action.

Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated.

3. Please Enter and Consider the following *Previously Submitted Documents*:

[ ] Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 [ ] Brief on Appeal filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 [ ] Other:

4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

[ ] An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449  
 [x] An Amendment  
 [ ] New arguments  
 [ ] New evidence in support of patentability  
 [ ] Other:

5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

RCE Filing Fee (37 CFR §1.17(e))					\$ 790.00
Claims	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	No of Extra Claims Present	
Total Claims	46	Minus	67	0	\$ 50.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	5	0	\$ 200.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					\$ 360.00
<u>Extension of Term</u>					
a. [x] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.					
b. [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:					
[ ] One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) .....	\$ 120.00				
[ ] Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) .....	\$ 450.00				
[ ] Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) .....	\$1,020.00				
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.					
[ ] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.					
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>					\$ 790.00
[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.					
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>					\$ 790.00

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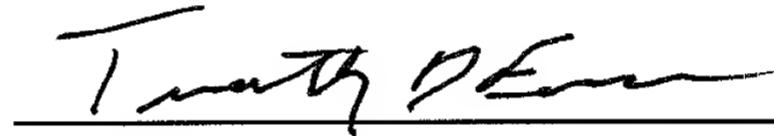
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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